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Catalano retracts his gift

Design students lose \$500,000 in scholarship monies after pavilion funding is pulled

Cynthia Marvin
Senior Staff Writer

Student protestors against the proposed site for the Catalano pavilion got their way after architect and alumnus Eduardo Catalano retracted his \$1.5 million gift to N.C. State earlier this month.

The decision will not only cancel proposals for the controversial Catalano Pavilion, it will also leave the College of Design to seek other means of scholarship funding.

In addition to the pulled funding for the pavilion, Catalano has also withdrawn his \$500,000 gift that would have aided faculty members and supported scholarships.

Members of NCSU, faculty and students alike, had conflicting opinions of whether the pavilion should be built on the Court of the Carolinas — what many claim to be the only green spot left on campus.

College of Design Dean Marvin Malecha said he thought the pavilion would have enhanced the Court of the Carolinas.

There were many students who agreed with Malecha.

"I am a student who enjoys the green of the court as well as others, but at the same time I think this could have potentially brought more use to the court," Matt Nossel, a junior in business management, said.

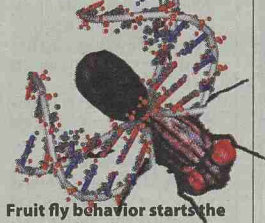
Lindsay Hardy, a senior in industrial design, said she felt the pavilion would have hurt the area.

"I'm a little more indifferent than most are on this issue, but having to pick a side I definitely think that this would be destroying our only green area on campus — and I have to say my closest friends in design have all agreed with me on this matter," Hardy said. "I can see though, how architectural students and some design students would be all for the pavilion."

The protest of the construction of the pavilion took place approximately eight months ago and included flyers, petitions and email campaigns that were sent

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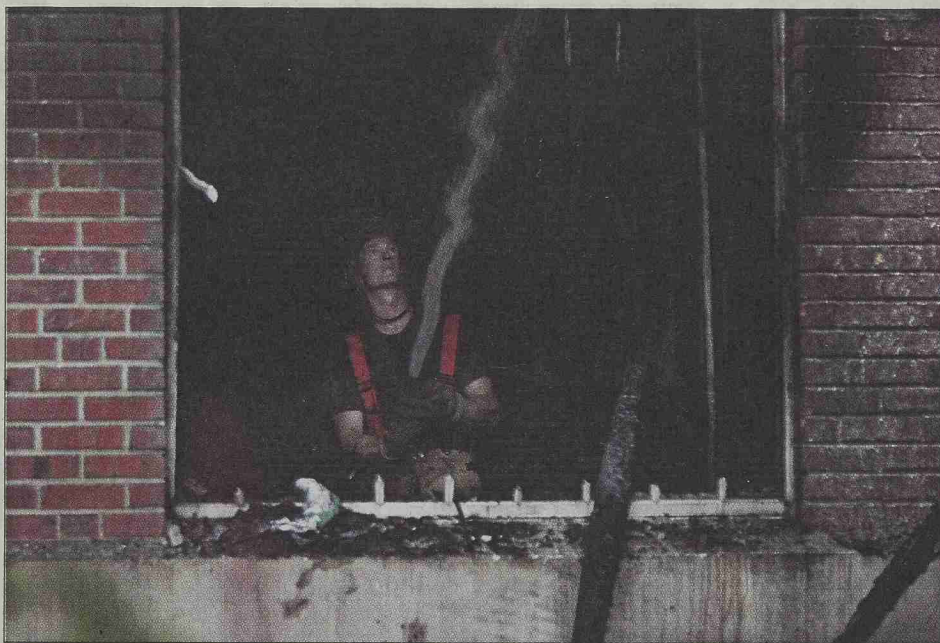


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Raleigh Firefighter Anderson douses a gutted classroom in Reynolds with water. Nearly five and a half hours after the fire was out, fire crews still hosed down the rooms to ensure that the fire was not able to be relit.

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Electrical fire sparks Reynolds

FLAMES FROM A TRANSISTOR LAPPED INTO TWO ROOMS INSIDE THE COLISEUM

Patrick Clarke
Staff Writer

A malfunctioning transistor on the East side of Reynolds Coliseum sparked and caught fire at 10:23 a.m. Monday, creating a blaze that spread into two adjacent rooms causing damage to the middle area of the building.

About 50 people were evacuated from Reynolds and Case Athletic Center, according to Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Campus Police. No one was injured in the fire, although one firefighter was treated for heat-related injuries. Major damage appears to have been contained to those rooms.

"We spend a lot of time over here," Tommie Styons, Raleigh Fire Department division chief, said. "It's historically significant to all of us. We're glad to know that we were able to salvage the building

without any more damage."

Campus Police put a call into the RFD at 10:27 a.m. The first fire truck arrived on the scene at 10:33 a.m. after responding to an earlier call about a fire alarm that went off at Ricks Hall on North Campus earlier, according to Campus Police. The fire was contained at 11:33 a.m. and was not put out until 2 p.m. when crews could get inside the building and assess the damage.

"Water and electrical don't mix, so we had to wait for someone to secure the power for us to get in safely," Styons said. "There was a lot of booming and popping around that transistor."

All early indications suggested that the majority of the building escaped without major damage.

"To the best of my knowledge, the gym



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Smoke pours from Reynolds Coliseum as a classroom and computer lab burn.

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Student charged in double stabbing

Tyler Dukes
News Editor

Employees of a Hillsborough Street barber shop got more than they bargained for Monday afternoon after an N.C. State student allegedly went on a violent stabbing spree, wounding two.

Around 2 p.m. Monday, James McGee was finishing a haircut for Johnelle Lowery, a sophomore in computer engineering, at the Five-Star Barber Shop located across the street from the Belltower.

According to Jim Sughrue, public information officer for the Raleigh Police Department, after the haircut, Lowery suddenly stabbed McGee in the chest with a pocket knife.

McGee attempted to flee out of the back of the barber shop into the Belltower Mart convenience store located next door. Lowery followed, chasing McGee outside of the business. The suspect then continued his attack when McGee fell, inflicting him with additional knife wounds.

When fellow employee Darryl France tried to help McGee, Lowery stabbed him in the chest and began to pursue him.

Barbershop owner Ralph Brown and bystander Cedric Page also attempted to come to the aid of the victims, but were both chased by the suspect. Neither Brown nor Page was hurt during the incident.

Sughrue stated that Lowery was apprehended by Raleigh Police on the corner of Enterprise Street after witnesses to the crime provided informa-

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Summer Pullen closing may cause traffic woes

Officials closed the Pullen Road exit off Western Boulevard, while crews rebuild bridge

Tanner Kroeger
Senior Staff Writer

Pullen Road, running south of Cates Avenue to Western Boulevard, is closed until further notice, cutting off a major traffic artery to the N.C. State campus.

Kyla McIntyre, a sophomore in undergraduate studies, was one of the first students Monday morning to experience NCSU's new traffic chaos.

"When I got here at 7:30 a.m., it was not bad at all," McIntyre said. "When I was leaving closer to noon, traffic was just horrible."

Construction began May 16 to rebuild the bridge over the Rocky Branch stream, part of an ultimate effort to connect a multi-use path on campus with Raleigh's greenway system.

The renovations will most affect people coming to campus from the south, according to Transportation Information and Communications Specialist Christine Klein.

"The impact is really for those people coming from the southern areas like Apex, Cary and Lake Wheeler," Klein



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Pullen Road is closed for demolition and then reconstruction as the Raleigh Greenway is extended along Rocky Branch Stream and the road rebuilt above the new pathway. The work is expected to continue through the summer.

said. However, Klein said that NCSU Transportation and the City of Raleigh have extensive detour plans in place for the summer months.

According to Klein, the access through campus is going to be maintained through Morrill Drive and Cates Avenue.

She added that Pullen Road will still be open from Hillsborough Street to Cates Avenue.

Despite the University's effort to send traffic through alternate routes, transportation expects above average congestion along Morrill Drive and Dan Allen Drive.

"Plan for your commute to take a little longer," Klein said.

Klein added that the department has worked on the timing of some of the traffic signals.

"For instance, I believe we gave more time on the signal at Cates and Morrill to expedite traffic coming out of the Coliseum deck area," Klein said. "There has been a lot of planning associated with this."

Whitney Gardenhire works at Theatre in the Park, located by the roundabout on Pullen Road. Gardenhire, who lives in Cary, said before the start of summer school, the detour was adding 10 extra minutes in the morning and 20 extra minutes on her drive home.

"I would normally take the Pullen exit to get to work, but now I just follow the detour signs they have posted everywhere," Gardenhire said. "It's absolute gridlock throughout campus."

Klein suggested commuters that regularly use Morrill Drive and Dan Allen Drive as shortcuts would eventually avoid the roads, consequently reducing the amount of traffic.

"We get a lot of cut-through traffic on Pullen Road, and Dan Allen, for that matter," Klein said. "Folks who would normally use Pullen Road as a cut-through

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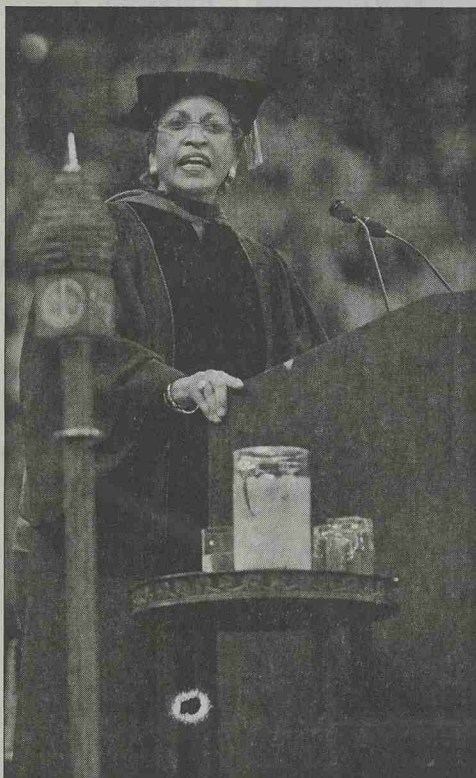
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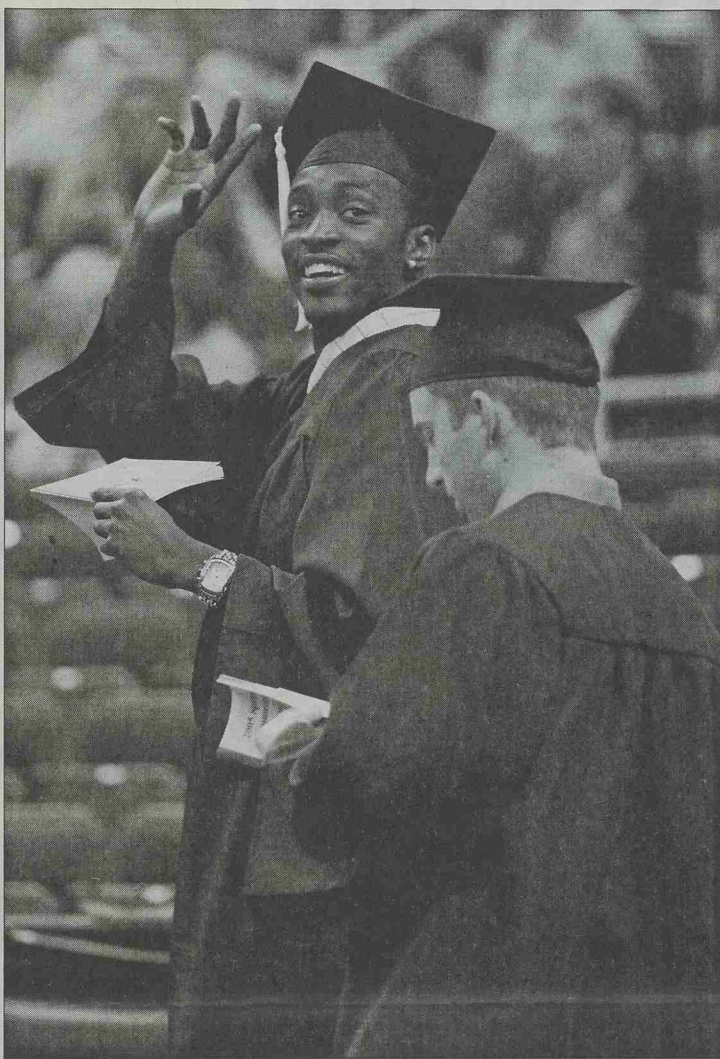
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GRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN FINAL CEREMONIES AT THE RBC CENTER ON MAY 14, CELEBRATING THEIR YEARS OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOOD TIMES AT N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY



Jeff Reeves/Technician
Keynote speaker Johnetta Cole congratulated the seniors in the audience at the RBC Center. Cole used her humor to entertain the crowd that gathered for Spring Commencement.



Jeff Reeves/Technician
Julius Hodge waves to some friends in the audience at Spring Commencement. Hodge graduated in the RBC Center where he played many games for the Wolfpack.



Jeff Reeves/Technician
College of Management graduating senior Ben Tennant applauds as Dean Ira Weiss declares the seniors graduates.

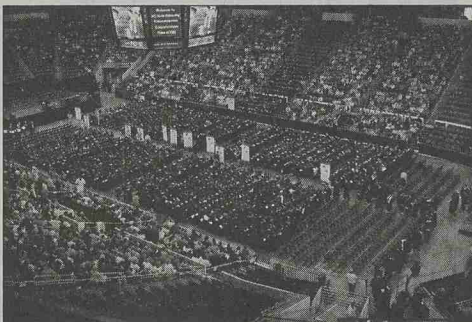
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Graduating seniors file into their seats at the RBC Center Saturday morning.

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will hopefully find alternate routes, like Ash Avenue and Gorman Street."

While the Wolfline will not be able to escape the added traffic throughout the University, officials will only have to alter one route. According to Transit Manager Pat Mitchell, Centennial Shuttle Route #3 will now enter campus where Avenet Ferry Road becomes Morrill Drive.

"We only have one route that uses that section of Pullen Road, and we have a specific detour for every part of our routes," Mitchell said.

Mitchell pointed out that the shuttle will continue to serve the same areas, despite the close of Pullen Road.

Erin Anderson, a sophomore in education and psychology, said the new traffic patterns were going to cause time issues with her commute; but moreover, the Pullen Road closure was going to cost her more money.

"It's been a pain because [the closure] means that I have to leave that much earlier for work," Anderson said. "Between the high gas prices and such, I really don't need to be going this far out of my way to go to work, when it should only take me 10 minutes. Now, my trip takes an extra 20-25 minutes, depending on the lights."

Gardenhire said she hopes crews can finish in time for the fall semester. If not, she said, NCSU's traffic problems would elevate to new, tenuous levels.

"I just hope they get this mess all figured out before students come back in the fall," Gardenhire said. "From what I can see, there is just a massive hole in the earth. If they don't get it done by August, traffic is going to be a train wreck around here."

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tion on his whereabouts.

The arrest was made without further incident, according to Sughrie.

Police and witnesses said there was no apparent motive to the crime, and although Sughrie said he wasn't aware of any drug testing, he said Lowery was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

"There was nothing reported in terms of behavior that was indicative of any drug influence," Sughrie said.

Brown, who opened the barbershop more than four years ago, said he had never seen anything like it.

"There was no argument," Brown said. "Everything was calm."

Brown said his employees sustained several cuts during the "random incident," but stated they would be returning later in the week.

He said he was looking forward to welcoming customers back to his business.

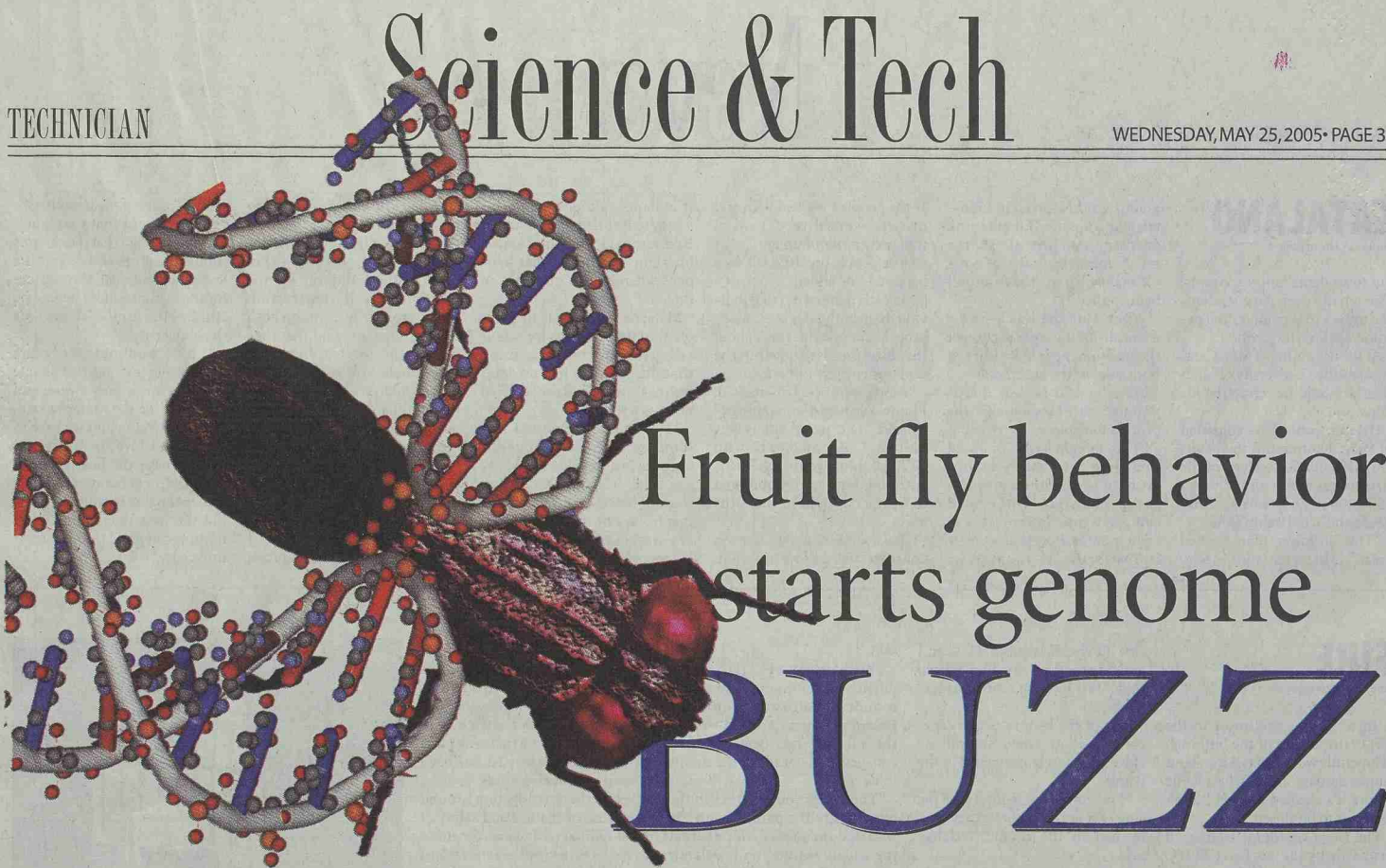
"This is a safe environment," Brown said. "This is the first time anybody has done anything like this."

Both McGee and France, who were transported to WakeMed for medical attention following the incident, have already been discharged.

Lowery, was also transported to the hospital where he received treatment for a wound to his hand.

Lowery was charged with one count of attempted murder, one count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Neither McGee, France, nor Page could be reached for comment.



Fruit fly behavior starts genome BUZZ

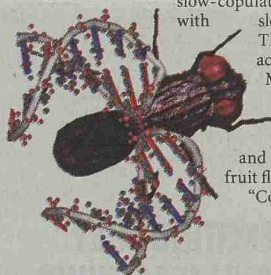
ARTIFICIAL SELECTION OF MATING BEHAVIOR LEADS TO LARGE CHANGE IN GENOME OF FRUIT FLY

Matt Wilson
Staff Writer

Genome research conducted at N.C. State has yielded surprising results.

The research, conducted by Trudy Mackay, a professor of genetics, focused on the mating behavior of the fruit fly.

The experiment paired together quick-copulating males with similar females, and slow-copulating males with slow females.



The purpose, according to Mackay, was to study the complex traits and life spans of fruit flies.

"Complex traits

are important because they are traits like susceptibility to human disease, adaptation to changes in the environment, any aspect of behavior or physiology or morphology," Mackay said.

After 29 generations of mating the two separate lines, the results came as a surprise to Mackay and colleagues.

Mackay's original hypothesis accounted for no more than a five percent change in the genome between fast-mating and slow-mating flies.

The actual change in the genome between the two sets turned out to be 21 percent — approximately 3,727 genes out of more than 14,000. Which is huge, according to Mackay.

Mackay chose the fruit fly — the *Drosophila melanogaster*, a model research organism

— because its genome has been fully sequenced. Complex traits can then be investigated. Several mutant varieties of the fruit fly are also available for research.

"[Complex traits] are difficult to study because they are controlled by many genes. The genes interact with each other," Mackay said. "Any results we get could actually be applicable to health in the future."

Many of the complex traits are similar to those in humans, Mackay added.

Artificial selection of the fruit fly mating behavior raises more questions, though.

According to Mackay, female fruit flies in the slow-mating line became more picky.

In fruit fly courtship, the male touches the female's abdomen to sense if the female is of the cor-

rect species. If she is, the male performs a song. If the female approves, mating takes place.

The next step, according to Mackay, is to identify the function of the genes that changed between the two mating lines.

"We have a large number of candidate genes that have been implicated. The next step is to do functional tests of the genes," Mackay said. "For example, one family of genes was identified as being highly significant in this experiment. Now what we're doing is sequencing those candidate genes in a large number of lines, associating them with mating behavior."

The research paper, "Genetics and Genomics of *Drosophila* Mating Behavior," can be found online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Link between Weather Service, MEAS students grow

Cynthia Marvin
Science & Tech Editor

One of the approximately 115 National Weather Service offices across the U.S. is located on Centennial Campus. After moving there and inhabiting one of Centennial's first buildings in January 1994 many people still remain unaware of this office.

The National Weather Service office has partnered up with the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. The office operates all day, every day.

With 23 members on staff, the office provides hazardous weather warnings and basic weather conditions to 31 counties for most of the piedmont and the coastal plain region of North Carolina. The office also reports to five major airport terminals evaluating wind, visibility and cloud ceiling hazards.

"There are a lot of people who are unaware of this office on campus and it is such a good tool for us meteorology majors to have," Travis Miles, a junior in marine sciences, said.

As an undergraduate student, Miles will be taking advantage of working with the National Weather Service by doing research on the Centennial office.

"There is a lot of undergraduate research that takes place in our office — a lot of it has

to deal with map and forecast analysis," public forecaster Scott Sharp said.

According to Sharp approximately 60-70 percent of employees at the office are NCSU graduates.

"I earned my master's here in atmospheric sciences and just graduated in December," meteorologist Trisha Palmer said. "I could have stayed at Oklahoma or gone down to Florida but I actually decided to come to N.C. State for my master's because of the opportunity to work with the National Weather Center."

Palmer said she enjoys getting to work with undergraduate students and knows how it is to be a student intern.

"It's a real humbling experience I think — to work for the weather service," she said. "When there is a severe warning, we all work together to alert the media and keep the public informed. There are a lot of sacrifices we make and it's great to help students get acclimated to how the office is run."

"We've created a real nice marriage with NCSU," Sharp said. "The relationship we've created with the Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences is beneficial to both the students and our office."

"It gives us an on-campus, hands-on opportunity to practice what we've been taught,"

Miles said. "I'm doing some research in the climate office this summer with a graduate student on mid-latitude storms off the N.C. coast and its interactions with the ocean — I can't think of a better way to get experience than within the national office itself."

Sharp said the office has implemented many of the students' research into their own data. For instance, there is a graduate intern who has been studying flooding and flood-susceptible areas around North Carolina. The office is taking the student's data to help map out the areas likely to flood.

The office always has two forecasters on duty and due to the fact that they work around the clock, employees work in rotating shifts. Sharp is one of 10 forecasters and will work the 3-11 p.m. shift for a few days, then could have the midnight shift next week and the day shift the next.

"Working in the office gives students a taste of what it is really like, it's not just a quick tour — we give them real work with real hours," Sharp said. "They can apply what they've learned in the classroom in the office now."

After working in the office and getting a feel of how the office is run, some find out working late at night some days and early



Jeff Orrock, warning coordination meteorologist at the Raleigh branch of the National Weather Service Forecast Office, presented the latest in hurricane technology to government, media and science officials as another strong hurricane season gears up in the Atlantic Ocean.

morning other days is not going to work with their body or ideal job type.

"Being able to get this feel of the office allows students to see if working a rotation of hours is right for them," Sharp said.

New technology is being applied in the office and students are quickly grasping the use of a new digital forecasting system called Advance Weather Interactive Processing Systems.

Before coming to NCSU,

Palmer worked in Little Rock, Ark. and didn't see the newer technology until working in the Centennial office.

"We didn't have the computer screens like we have here [in the Centennial office], the computers were a little slower and we had just received the AWIPS," she said. "Before AWIPS everything was black and white — technology has really changed a lot from the computer system to radars. The last half decade

has been real exciting to see."

"It was a little hard for some of us old timers to grasp doing things on this program [AWIPS] since it's all digital while we're used to drawing everything out by hand," Sharp said. "It's exciting to see the interaction we have with the students, we're only one of about half a dozen who are located on a college campus. These students seem to really love the work and are excelling at what they do," Sharp said.

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out to students' unity accounts. The emails even gave students the option to sign an online petition against the pavilion.

At the beginning of May, Catalano notified University officials that he would be retracting his donation.

His gift would have consisted of \$900,000 to build the pavilion, \$100,000 for upkeep of the structure as well as an additional \$500,000 to go towards faculty needs and scholarship funding.

"The building plan looked great," Alfie Felitiano, a who

graduated this spring in industrial design, said. "I don't think people around here like change much and I think that is what ultimately led to [the funding] being pulled."

While Malecha was a strong advocate for the construction of the pavilion, he said he learned both sides of the argument.

Malecha said he was disappointed with how quickly the process took place.

"The people who opposed this were very much in opposition of how the university is run," he said. "This e-mail campaign took place only over eight months. People don't realize that for the past two years we

—the people I worked with and myself—worked very hard to follow every requirement."

"The people involved felt very betrayed," he added.

Malecha pointed out that individuals on both sides made inappropriate comments throughout the entire process, something he said was entirely unnecessary.

"People were being discredited. I know I've heard some things," he said. "Our university is better than that. I am proud to be with NCSU, I think we are a great institution, but I'm disappointed in the tactics used in this situation."

"This whole situation got too controversial in my opinion.

[Catalano] didn't want his legacy to be filled with trouble," Felitiano said. "It is his money, his right and that's what happens when bureaucracy gets in the way."

Malecha said he has to move on, find other means for scholarship funding, but in the mean time, he said he has no hard feelings and Catalano carried none as well.

"This should be a lesson that somehow we have to air our differences in a timely way," Malecha said. "Catalano's decision was not based on discourse but that he says he now sees his gift as a symbol of conflict."

According to Malecha, Cata-

lano had said that he decided to pull his gift when he accessed an email stating that one protestor would look forward to laying in front of the bulldozer for the pavilion's site if construction was approved. Students on both sides of the issue said that they understand the reasoning behind Catalano's decision.

"It shouldn't been such an issue really. Why would you want to destroy one of our only spacious areas that has trees and flowers?" Rory McElroy, a junior in psychology, said. "I guess I see his perspective in withdrawing his gift, even the scholarship funding money, but I don't think I would of ever liked the pavilion

on the Court of the Carolinas."

Malecha said that Catalano's decision is a sign that the campus should move on, and despite the loss of a great deal of resources for the Design School he said he still has the utmost respect for the University.

"I have won and lost before and among competitive people we don't know how to lose and we don't like it," Malecha said. "This is a lesson and we have to move on. I love the university and we have the best students here, Oblinger handled this in a professional way, and everyone did the best they could. I see nothing but good things for our university."

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is fine," Styons said prior to the RFD's inspection of the building. "Hopefully we're just talking about smoke damage and it'll be a while before it's cleaned up, but I don't expect it to be closed."

The two classrooms were used primarily by the Air Force ROTC for teaching and training, and by the athletic department as the media room during competitions in Reynolds.

One of the rooms, used as a computer lab and lounge, suffered the most damage.

"We'll rebuild this room and we'll make it better. Part of the challenge will be picking up the pieces and rebuilding," Maj. Jay Delaney of AFROTC said. "It's sad to see it go because there was a lot of personal memory in that room."

Former Cadet Wing Commander Yuri Batten, a senior in civil engineering, was at his apartment at the time of the fire when he received a phone call.

"Someone called me from out-

side Reynolds around 11 [a.m.] and I turned on my TV," Batten said. "Just looking at it I was like 'Oh no!'"

Part of the history of the cadet core was lost when several archive books were destroyed in the flames.

"The collective memory of the core was in those books that were burned in the room," Delaney said.

Batten and current Wing Commander Joshua Duckett, a senior in aerospace engineering, have the task of rebuilding these "continuity books" — records from past officials that are kept as resources for new recruits and up-and-coming cadets that will take on leadership positions in the future.

"The books have jobs descriptions that are there for continuity," Batten said. "They're like cookbooks for what to do."

Duckett said he and his staff will be working during the summer to recover the information lost in the continuity books.

"We'll be doing prep work for the fall, and now working to get those records back together," Duckett

said.

There are no AFROTC classes during the summer — they will resume in August, according to Delaney. Cadets around during the summer had been painting collages on the walls of the rooms in Reynolds.

"The things you won't see in the remains are the paintings on the wall and the model aircrafts that the cadets worked on," Delaney said. "That's sad."

There has been no reported damage to anything outside of the two rooms. Banners from the rafters and the basketball floor were stored away during the reconstruction process.

No alarms went off in Reynolds and emergency personnel evacuated the two buildings by notifying everyone individually, according to Barnwell.

"The reality is it was built in 1954 and there was an old fire alarm system in the building but it's a limited system," Styons said.

When the building lost power, it also lost the alarms.

"[The alarms] were on 120-volt circuit that plug into outlets and

had no backups," Barnwell said. "When the power went out in the building they couldn't go off. Ironically this is a new alarm system was scheduled with the renovation."

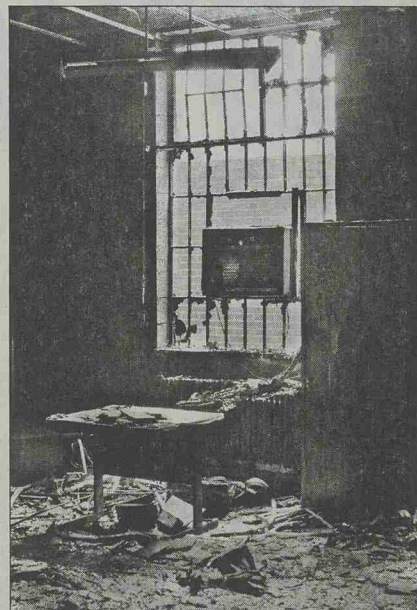
All programming that took place in Reynolds in the past has been moved to other locations.

While the investigation around the cause of the fire and safety of the building continue, no timetable as to the future of the renovations or availability of the administrative offices has been made. Locks on the building have been changed to prevent people from entering unsafe areas.

"If there is such a thing, this was the perfect time for a fire," Delaney said.

Following RFD's inspection of the Coliseum, and with the word the future of the building was safe, Barnwell echoed Delaney's sentiments.

"I had the perfect sound byte," Barnwell said of an interview with a television news crew. "I said to them 'We were very fortunate. It appears God really is a Wolfpack fan.'"



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A view of the damage done by the fire in Reynolds Coliseum.

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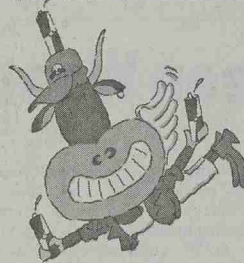
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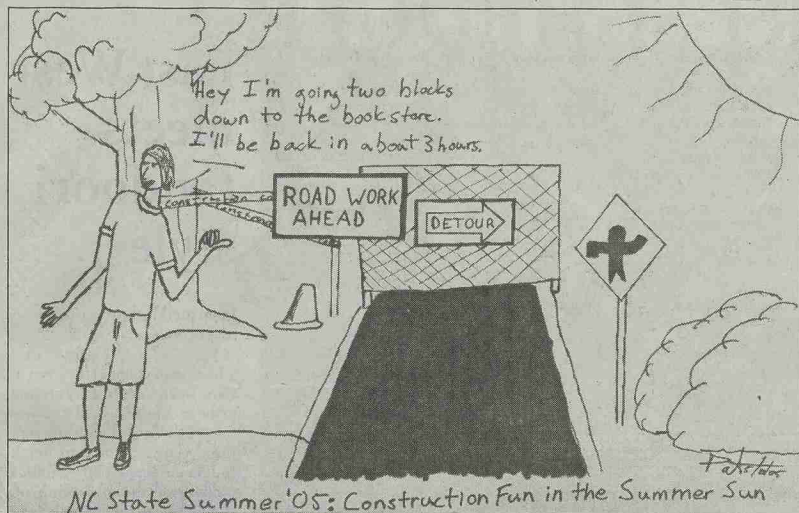
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A real American hero isn't always a man

A recent amendment to the 2006 defense authorization bill could instigate a substantial decrease in the number of servicewomen active in close proximity to the front lines of military operations.

According to current Pentagon policy, women are not assigned to combat positions, but are vital in support roles, pilots, etc. The proposed amendment seeks to ban women from being embedded in ground combat units as members of Forward Support Units.

Rep. Duncan Hunter, the chair of the House Armed Services Committee and Republican from California, proposed the bill and it passed the subcommittee on military personnel by a partisan vote of nine to seven.

The success of such an amendment has the potential to create confusion in the ranks of soldiers, eliminate many vital support positions currently filled by women, and further decrease already low recruiting rates. However, the actions of Rep. Hunter and the other Republicans on the military personnel subcommittee ought not to be viewed as overly sexist.

The intent of the amendment is not so much to decrease female participation in military operations as it is to reinforce older legislation meant to exclude women from front-line combat — legislation that actual Army policy has been drifting away from in the past decade.

Partisan bickering in the House will ultimately have a negative impact on the support current servicewomen feel they are receiving from the government, and will do little to solve the problems facing today's military.

The real issue that needs to be examined here is what the role of women in combat should be.

Should women be embedded with combat units? Would women be effective in the front lines of

combat? To answer these difficult questions, let's take a look at some of our well-known fictional female warriors.

Xena the Warrior Princess

An interesting case study in the role of women in combat, Xena's conquest of late-night syndicated television is a double-sided sword to the issue of female participation in the armed forces. The fearless adventurer felled countless foes during her romp through pop-history, but would she stand up to the high tension demands of the modern battlefield?

A resounding "yes" is the answer in the case of Xena, although she may have to trade in her skimpy armor for equally skimpy desert fatigues. Xena has proved that she cannot only keep her composure in the heat of battle, but also lives things up with her dark, but priceless, wit.

On the other hand, the warrior princess's busty blonde sidekick Gabrielle would never survive on the front lines of today's military conflicts. Hesitant and emotionally vulnerable, Xena's perpetual foil would prove a liability in an actual live combat situation. Nonetheless, Gabrielle's cheery personality would boost morale when properly implemented in a supporting role, and she serves as a fine example of a woman having a positive impact on combat operations while assigned to a so-called Forward Support Unit.

GI Jane

What examination of female warriors would be complete without consideration of Demi Moore's feisty Navy Seal? While the movie may have been cliché and rather farfetched, Moore proved she has what it takes not only to fight the desert folk, but also to become one of the guys and integrate herself with her unit. It seems reasonable that if a woman can shave her head, carry her gun, and meet the physical demands of war, she ought to be an effective combatant and an asset to any operation she's assigned to.

As fictitious characters, the actual contribution Xena and the like could make to any combat unit would be, well, nothing. However,

there is still an important lesson to be learned from these warriors of film: exceptional people exist.

While Demi Moore would probably never survive Seal training, there may exist a woman or women that could meet the grueling physical demands of Hell Week. Should all women be barred from serving in combat or being in close proximity to combat just because most women couldn't handle such a position? This type of reasoning is completely flawed.

The fact is that most men in today's society, myself included, could not be effective warriors, or even members of Forward Support Units. We are in neither the physical nor mental state to perform such tasks, and many of us are beyond the point in our lives where we could train to become soldiers. So, obviously, men should be barred from combat operations, leaving only transgendered people to defend our country. This is not a viable option.

The problem with excluding women from any specific job or position, in or out of the military, is that these gender bars invariably shut out qualified individuals. In the case of ground combat situations or support groups embedded in combat units, clear and gender independent standards need to be set defining who is capable of effectively working in such an environment.

How strong, how competent, how emotionally stable is this person? If women, or men for that matter, are able to meet and exceed the requirements for their positions, they ought not to be removed based on gender concerns. If somebody, woman or man, does not meet the standards for a particular position, they don't belong in there.

Discrimination ought to be based upon the individual, rather than the gender.

The sooner our Congress and Rep. Hunter realize this, the better off our military will be.

As for me, I'd serve alongside Demi Moore and Xena any day.

E-mail Ken your opinions at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

PROOF THE STUDENT VOICE MATTERS

OUR OPINION: EDUARDO CATALANO RETRACTED HIS GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY DUE TO STUDENT PROTEST. THIS IS PROOF THAT STUDENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEN THEY UNITE BEHIND A CAUSE. THE PLACEMENT OF THE PAVILION HAS BEEN AN EXTENSIVE PROCESS AND NOW THE DECISION IS FINAL. THE STUDENTS RECEIVED WHAT THEY ASKED FOR.

The Catalano Pavilion has generated quite the discussion among students, faculty and administrators during the past several months.

Some people love it. Some hate it.

Some simply shrug their shoulders and said "Whatever."

Others view it as foolish for N.C. State to even consider declining a gift from a man with a status equivalent to that of Eduardo Catalano.

When the announcement that the pavilion would be placed on the Court of Carolinas was made, it generated quite a reaction.

A great deal of concern and debate originated over the placement of the pavilion.

Students and faculty alike that love the grassy park-like area and utilize it as a quiet place to study, sleep or talk raised their concerns.

The campus community raised its voice so loudly there was a committee put together to discuss alternatives for the placement of the pavilion.

At last, the decision of the placement of the pavilion is final — right back into Mr. Catalano's mind.

He retracted his gift, resulting in the loss of \$500,000 in scholarship funding as well as the physical

landmark.

So what can the NCSU community conclude about this?

Very simply, when the campus community put its voices together, it makes for one pretty powerful voice.

That alone is why the pavilion will not be placed on the Court of Carolinas.

Sure, members of the planning committee who have been working on the pavilion coming to campus for a long while will express their dismay, but students have not been included in the process for the same length of time.

If students had known when the pavilion was still an idea in the beginning stages of development, that dismay would not exist right now.

This event is proof that students' opinions do indeed matter.

When the campus decides to come together and back an issue, it gets what it wants.

The same thing happened when the library was going to close at night.

Students united behind the cause of keeping it open for 24 hours and it still maintains those hours (during the fall and spring semesters at least).

The only question that exists now is, what will students unite behind next?

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The summer's first annoyance started before school did

Every morning this past week I parked my car in the Dan Allen parking deck. I made my way toward the library where I work part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer.



Daniel Underwood
Staff Columnist

Usually I walk right beside Nelson Hall, then the USTL Teaching Labs, then right out into the Brickyard. But construction going on beside Nelson Hall obstructed my normal path.

Like most people in the morning before their first cup of coffee, I was not in the mood for a bunch of unnecessary extra walking. So I decided to improvise and skirt my way through the inside of Nelson.

But I was greeted by a sign which read, "Entrance to Nelson Hall ONLY, No Through Traffic." I was not quite sure whether to laugh or get pissed off.

There I was, at 8 a.m. trying to get to work and some sign has the audacity to suggest I take a lap around the building first. Whoever posted that sign is either extremely shortsighted or terribly inconsiderate, or perhaps some appalling combination of the two.

When I first noticed this sign, classes had been over for a week, and the first summer session was still a week off. I would have expected to find myself writing about politics, the challenges of upcoming summer school or some other equally boring topic. But no, lo and behold I still managed to find something on campus to rant and rave about.

In defense of whoever posted the sign, I can understand thinking that in the interim period between spring semester and the first summer session not many people would travel the path beside Nelson, and therefore this detour would be only a minor inconvenience. But unfortunately this is still an inadequate excuse.

If indeed only a few people would be traveling that path, then the traffic through Nelson would be minor and unnoticeable; in other words, there would be no problem. But, contrary

to popular suspicion, even though school is not technically in session, campus is still buzzing with activity.

At my place of employment, the Learning

Technology Service, we held our annual Summer Institute this past week. During the Summer Institute, faculty and their assistants go through rigorous daily series of workshops and open labs to better equip themselves to use the incipient technologies of today and tomorrow.

In other words, about 50 teachers, my coworkers and myself parked on the Dan Allen parking deck and walked to the library every day last week.

Each one of us had to either go through or around Nelson, depending only upon our own ethical convictions.

Like most other people, I stridently defied this regulation. I honestly cannot remember seeing a

single person who took the sign seriously.

The worst part about this whole ordeal was going back to the parking deck after work. Since work ends at 5:00 and Nelson closes at 5:00, I had no choice but to walk around the building.

One day after work I ended up walking beside a graduate student from Iran. We had a wonderfully spiteful conversation about having to walk all the way around Nelson on a hot day after eight hours of work. This tells me that I am not alone in my frustration.

Not only should those signs be removed, but Nelson should be kept open half an hour longer to accommodate people getting off work after 5:00 p.m.

I know what many of you may be thinking: "How lazy!" or "Big deal, get over it!" But what could possibly be more important than the comfort and convenience of students and faculty members?

The administration should work harder to make accommodations in situations like these. Also, the administration should install coffee machines every 20 feet in every building on campus and provide iPods for all students, free of charge.

You can annoy Daniel, or just tell him what you think, at viewpoint@technicianonline.com

"But what could possibly be more important than the comfort and convenience of students and faculty members?"

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 25	Thursday, May 26	Friday, May 27	Saturday, May 28	Sunday, May 29	Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31
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BITE CLUB

East, West meets tandoori style

Jasmine Modoor
Features Editor

Instead of going to the front of Cary Town Center, drive around to the back and you will soon notice a small place with the sign India Garden, home to north Indian cuisine and the famous tandoori dishes. Walking in, you will hear Indian ballads in the background and see a waiter ready to seat you in one of their open booths, which might be more than one. When the waiter hands out the menu, there will be prices crossed out with whiteout. But don't worry; none of this reflects the quality of the food.

RATINGS

Atmosphere ★★★★★
Food ★★★★★
Price ★★★★★

Guests are served puppodams as they wait for orders to arrive. The paper-thin puppodam is traditionally served to complement a main meal such as rice and curry, but the restaurant scene has come to take on the appeal of a topping and dipping chip. Here the puppodams are served with spicy mint cilantro chutney and tasty sweet-and-sour tamarind sauce.

A great way to start the meal is with samosas, deep-fried triangular-shaped crispy pastries filled with mashed potatoes, green peas and other vegetables. Another option is the mulligatawny soup, which means pepper broth in the Tamil language. Mulligatawny is a delicately spiced chicken and vegetable soup with lentils and rice. The soup became famous with the colonial British and soon made its debut in the West and was brought into the American consciousness by the Seinfeld soup nazi episodes. Though the recipe has changed subtly to suite the taste of the west, the soup promises to deliver a distinctive taste.

The tandoor, a clay oven heated by charcoal, cooks food at very high temperatures so the food is cooked quickly while being crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside. The flavor and texture of tandoori foods are almost impossible to match with any other kind of oven or grilling device. Some tandoori favorites include naan, tandoori chicken and chicken tikka along with tandoori salmon and seekh kabab. Naan is a Punjabi leavened wheat bread made in a tandoor. It is round and soft with dark spots from the tandoor.

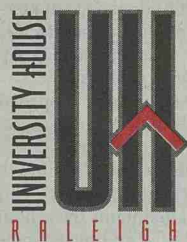
Naan can be eaten by itself or with various curries, chutneys and pickles. India garden also offer garlic naan, kemm naan stuffed with lamb and its own signature naan.

Chicken tikka masala is another well-known and great tasting tandoori dish made of tandoori chicken and kicked up a notch in a sauce of tomatoes, cream and spices.

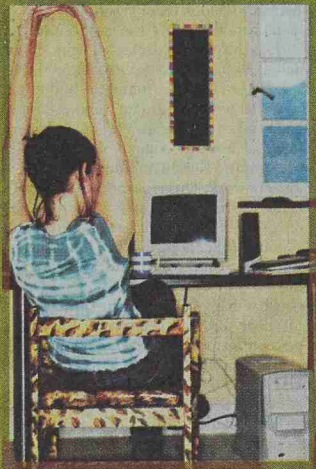
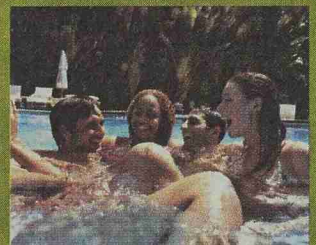
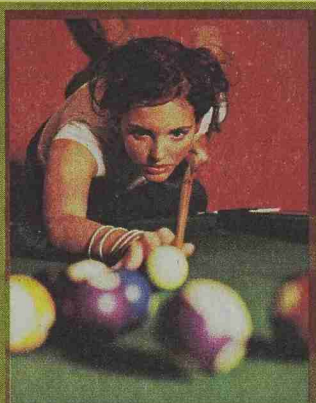
Traditionally the dish was just the tandoori chicken but that soon changed after it met the palates of the British who were used to having gravy with their meat. The sauce is generally made with tomatoes, yogurt, heavy cream, butter and spices such as cumin, cinnamon, pepper and paprika. A dish that tastes similar to chicken tikka masala is butter chicken, a dish made of broiled pieces of chicken in a sauce of tomatoes and butter.

In addition to these dishes, India Garden serves tasty vegetarian dishes such as chana masala, chick peas cooked with potatoes, herbs and spices and aloo gobi, a dish made of cauliflower and potatoes. India Garden also serves imported beers from India and has a limited dessert menu.

The next time you are at Cary Town Center take a detour to India Garden and taste the flavor of tandoori dishes.



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BASEBALL

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from my freshman year and being able to go to a super regional, to last year when we had to overcome some adversity, to this year when we have a pretty good team. As far as the saves record, it's a great accomplishment, and it's just an honor to be a part of the history here."

Muyco and Devine have drawn significant interest from Major League Baseball teams, less than two weeks away from the June 7 draft.

Muyco has been a selection twice before in the MLB draft.

The first time was after his senior year in 2002 at Richland High School in Richland, Wash.

That year, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays selected him 1,064th overall.

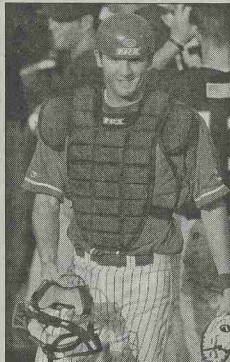
The Baltimore Orioles called his name the following year 974th overall.

He declined each invitation.

Muyco's strong defensive presence the past two years could strengthen his draft stock.

"I know I have an opportunity to be drafted, but that depends on how I finish up," Muyco said. "The draft is a funny thing. You never know where you're going to go in it. You've just got to wait and see, just play it out."

Devine, on the other hand, appears to be one of college baseball's elite professional



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All-ACC catcher Jake Muyco walks away from the plate after a run is scored during the Pack's game with the Citadel. Muyco, along with teammates Aaron Bates and Joey Devine, was named to First-Team All-ACC earlier this week.

prospects.

According to Baseball America's Jim Callis, Devine has a concrete chance to be a selection in the supplemental first round.

The reliever's focus, however, is not on the draft.

"The draft is in the back of my mind," Devine said. "The draft is exciting, and I know it's only two or three weeks away, but it will start getting closer and closer, and I'll start thinking more about it when it gets here."

"My biggest goal is to focus on N.C. State baseball."

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a spot on the World University Games team as well.

Going into the tryouts, Stansbury said she was mildly caught off guard when she was selected to try out.

"I was a little surprised," Stansbury said.

She said whether or not she made the team, the experience would still be special.

"Not everybody gets invited," Stansbury said. "It's an honor whether you make the team or not."

While she did not end up making the team, Stansbury

said the tryouts were beneficial.

"It was a good learning experience," Stansbury said. "If you want to be one of the best, you have to work at it every day."

Stansbury and Whittington agreed there was little time for anything other than basketball while they were on the trip.

"When we weren't playing, we were pretty much resting our bodies," Stansbury said.

Stansbury said she hopes to stay in touch with some of the people she met.

"I'm sure I'll develop friendships from a lot of different people I met there," Stansbury said.

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"They've really been working on keeping their mileage up to stay strong throughout the season."

Angelina Blackmon will be running in the 800-meter race. She reached the regional qualifying time by 0.22 seconds at the Duke Invitational in early April.

"I have to bring my confidence up, but I'm looking to do well," Blackmon said.

Ebony Foster has also qualified for the 100-meter hurdles. Foster won that race at the Reebok Invitational in Atlanta earlier this month with a time

of 13:06.

Assistant coach Terry Reese said he is pleased with Foster's performance but still wants to perfect it.

"I'm looking more at her touchdown times in between hurdles," Reese said. "I want her to be somewhere around under a second for each hurdle."

Reese also said Foster is hoping to get to the Beijing Olympics as well. Foster was an Olympic trial finalist last year.

"The possibility of being an Olympian is out there," Reese said.

For the men, Andy Smith will be competing in the steeplechase. Smith is the ACC champion in the event with a

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2007," Bumgardner said.

Junior golfer Jerry Richardson said getting a home course will level the playing field a bit for State.

"It's really important for competition. All the other schools around here have their own courses," Richardson said. "We have to call over to all of these other courses to play at."

The golfers often have to travel several miles to various golf courses in the Raleigh area just so they can have a place to play and practice each day.

For women's coach Page

Marsh, the Centennial course will give the team a home and will help the players save on gas.

"To have a home facility will be wonderful for the student-athletes," Marsh said.

Many current team members, will most likely not get a chance to play the new golf course before they graduate. However, Richardson is well aware of the great benefits the course will offer future golfers at State.

"It will definitely be convenient for [future teams]," Richardson said. "When they get out of class they can just head over to the course to practice."

but the pace gets a bit slower as you go farther out."

Among the other Pack athletes qualifying for regionals is Dexter Adams in the long jump.

Adams finished third at the Reebok Invitational with a 24-2 1/2 jump. In strength events, Mitchell Pope qualified in the shot put with a career high 59-1 1/4, and Kelly Smoke qualified for the discus throw with a career high of 163-10.

Smith attributes a great part of the team's success to its unity.

"When you join an athletic team, no matter what it is, you're almost in a fraternity," Smith said. "You live, breathe and eat with those kids every day, and they're all my best friends."

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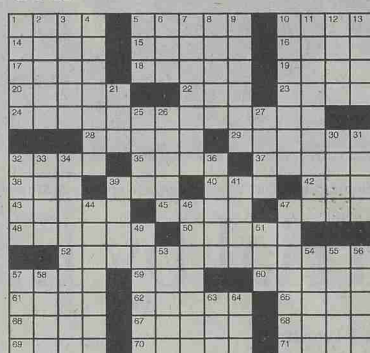
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BASEBALL

Hosting regional hinges on tournament finish

Behind freshman starter Andrew Brackman, the Wolfpack will try to avenge its March series loss against Miami today at 10 a.m.

Tanner Kroeger
Staff Writer

A pitcher's duel

	N.C. State	Miami
	Andrew Brackman	Cesar Carrillo
Record:	3-0	12-1
ERA:	1.41	2.27
Inn. pitched:	32	103
Hits:	19	85
Strikeouts:	34	106

SOURCE: NCSU MEDIA RELATIONS & MIAMI MEDIA RELATIONS

Led by starting pitcher Andrew Brackman (3-0), No. 23 N.C. State (39-15, 17-13 ACC) will kick off its first game in the ACC Tournament today in Jacksonville, Fla. at 10 a.m. against No. 8 Miami (38-14-1, 19-9-1 ACC). State, the sixth seed in the tournament, has won seven consecutive ACC series, including last weekend's against No. 13 Florida State. Miami, the third seed, will look to rebound after a disappointing three-loss series sweep at Clemson.

Junior relief pitcher Joey Devine, junior catcher Jake Muyco and redshirt-sophomore first baseman Aaron Bates earned posts on the All-ACC first team. Freshman second baseman Ramon Corona was a second-team selection. The 11 ACC head coaches voted on the all-conference selections.

Muyco said he was happy with his team's performance last weekend and was excited about the start of today's post-season play.

"I think the season has gone really well," Muyco said. "We played really hard every game to put ourselves in a good position. We are definitely going to go to a regional, and we may even have the chance to host one."

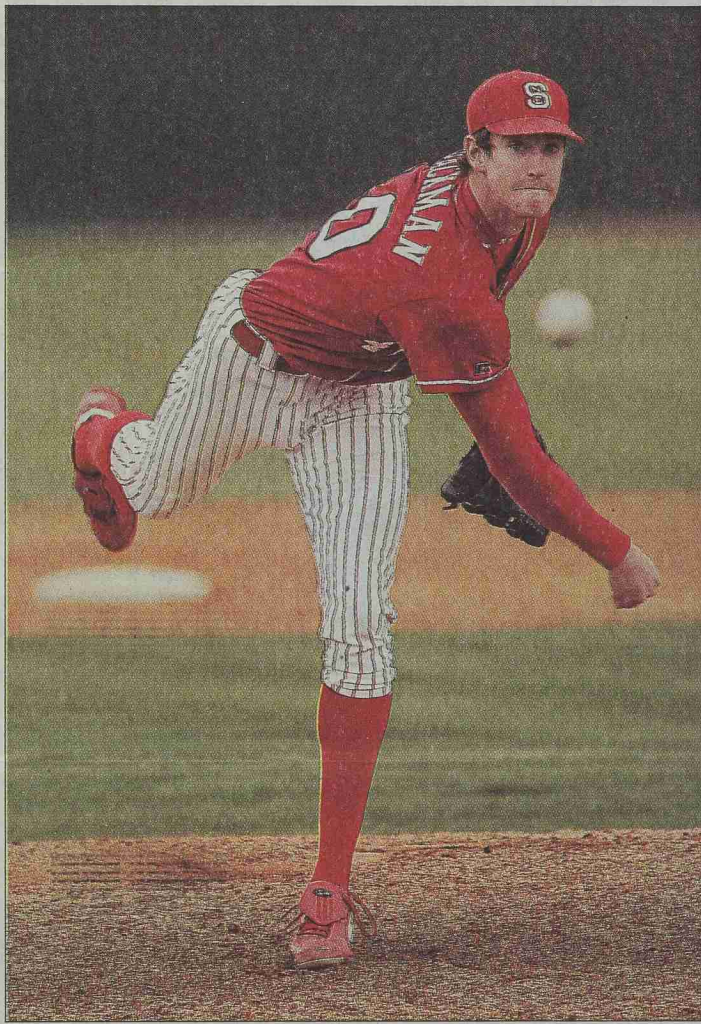
State's closing artist, Devine (4-3), was a major part of the team's success this season, but knows the team cannot lose sight of the basics against Miami.

"We need to be able to stay consistent," Devine said. "Consistency is huge right now. Being able to stay strong and keep a balance point will maintain our confidence. If we stay consistent, I think we will have a shot down the road to go play [in the College World Series] in Omaha."

The Hurricanes could prove tough competition for State. Miami took the early March series two games to one, led by today's starter and first team All-ACC pitcher Cesar Carrillo (12-1, 2.27 ERA). Carrillo, who lost the first game of his career Thursday against Clemson, defeated State with a 10-strikeout performance March 4 to give the Hurricanes their first ACC victory. Until Thursday, the Hurricanes were 30-0 when Carrillo started. The junior's efforts this season earned him ACC Pitcher of the Year honors.

Devine's junior campaign was highlighted by his 11 saves and 2.36 ERA. With a school record of 25 career saves, Devine is the only State pitcher to post three consecutive double-digit save seasons.

"The record feels great, but that's just extra," Devine said. "What feels the best is to have had three great years here at N.C. State. To be around teams



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Freshman Andrew Brackman will start in the opening game of the ACC Tournament against Miami.

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GOLF

Home course in the future

Centennial golf course set to break ground in 2006

Stephen Federowicz
Staff Writer

The golf teams have arguably been among the most consistent of any program at N.C. State for the past several years. The women's team just finished competing in their fourth consecutive NCAA Regional and the men's team missed regionals for first time in eight seasons.

The future holds more excitement and opportunities of success for the two teams — they may finally get a place to call home.

In a campaign called "On Course for Distinction," the special projects division of University Development is attempting to raise funds to construct an 18-hole public golf course on a 1,000-acre tract of land in the southern portion of Centennial Campus.

According to Nora Lynn Finch, senior associate athletics director and co-chair on the "On Course for Distinction" committee, the goal is to raise \$16 million by the end of this year and begin construction of the course the following spring.

"The money will need to be either raised or pledged," Finch said.

Director of Development for Special Projects Becky Bumgardner said a completion date for the course has been set and is entirely contingent upon the success of the fund-raising efforts.

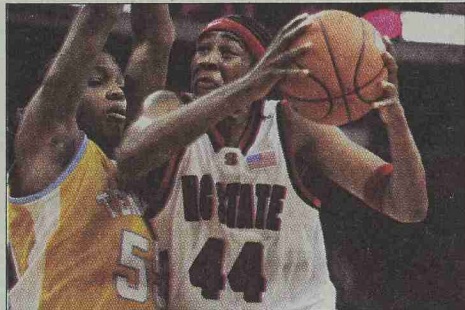
"If everything goes to plan with the fund raising, the course will be open for play sometime between October and December of

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sophomore Khadijah Whittington, left, and senior Tiffany Stansbury traveled to Colorado last week to try out for the National Team Trials.

Trial by fire for hoopsters

Clark Leonard
Staff Writer

It was the big stage for two N.C. State women's basketball standouts last week in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sophomore forward Khadijah Whittington and senior center Tiffany Stansbury were among 13 ACC players who took their skills to the 2005 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials, held Thursday through Sunday, at the U.S. Olympic

Training Center.

"It was pretty competitive," Whittington said. "You had to work for everything."

Whittington, an ACC all-freshman selection last season, was fighting for a spot on the USA World University Games team as well as the under-19 team.

It was her second time trying out, and despite not making either team, she said the experience will make her work even harder to make it next time.

"Even though I didn't make the team, I'll be getting better," Whittington said. "I think it made me more hungry to make the team."

Whittington said narrowing the team was a hard job.

"There was so much talent — you could pick anybody," Whittington said.

Whittington said one of the players she thought was among the best, Louisiana State point guard Erica White, did not even make the team.

"I really enjoyed Erica [White]," Whittington said. "She is a great point guard."

While not making the team was a disappointment, Whittington said the experience was one that she will cherish.

"I just love the experience," Whittington said. "I love being there with everybody."

Stansbury, who led State in scoring and was named second team All-ACC in 2005, sought

TRACK & FIELD

Pack prepares for regionals

Track and field athletes will travel to Randall's Island, N.Y. this weekend for the NCAA Regionals

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

Beyond Umstead State Park — where the N.C. State distance runners practice — and the plastic orange fences and construction equipment at the east end of Derr Track are the hopes for postseason success of several track athletes.

While the NCAA Regionals start Friday in Randall's Island, N.Y., several State athletes are looking forward to more than just this weekend's action.

Among those nationally ranked is distance runner Julia Lucas, who will be in the 5,000-meter race this weekend.

Lucas is the ACC champion in the race and is ranked third in the nation. Her career best in the 5,000-meter race is 15:53, which

was set this year.

Lucas will be running in the 5,000-meter race along with Renee Gunning and Ginger Wheeler. While not overlooking this weekend's race, some runners said they are looking forward to the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif. in June.

"(Lucas and I) will be competing in the 5K run at the nationals," Gunning said. "We're going to use the regionals to try and qualify for nationals."

Lucas and Gunning are even looking as far ahead as the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

"The Olympics are four years away but there's lots of work left to be done," Gunning said.

Assistant coach Laurie Henes said the 5,000-meter athletes have put significant mileage into practice.

"Julia [Lucas] does about 70 miles a week, and Renee [Gunning] is closer to 60," Henes said.

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